

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-13 have been cancelled. Claims 14-16 remain in the application. No new matter has been presented.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 14-16 are allowed.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwabuchi, JP 10-044524. Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwabuchi as applied to claim 3 above, and further in view of Applicant's Background Prior Art. Claims 1-7 have been cancelled, rendering these rejections moot.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 325772014000.

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